

BRADFORD City

v BOLTON WANDERERS

CANON FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd — KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's been a long hard summer trying to save Bradford City from extinction, but we managed to survive and now the season has begun I would like us all to forget about the events of the last three months and settle down to enjoy our football.

Jack Tordoff and I are making no rash predictions — the Club's financial position is too serious for that. However, we shall do our utmost to provide you with a successful team although we are not in a position to pay ridiculous transfer fees.

The situation we inherit at Valley Parade is that the Club is losing £2,000 a week and clearly we cannot allow this situation to continue or else we

shall quickly end up in the same position of the the defunct 1908 Company.

We shall effect what economics we can and try to ensure that the Club is run on efficient lines, but we need your help to step up our money raising efforts. We need new lottery agents and we shall also welcome your ideas for raising money.

We are very conscious of the help given by all sections of the community and it has been far more than two men's job in bringing about the achievement of the formation of the new Company. But the purpose of it all is to watch football as attractive and as successful as possible. It is with that one aim that Bradford City will continue.

Stafford Heginbotham

3rd Division Round-up

There were some great starts to the season for some clubs. **Hull City**, back in the third division, beat hot promotion favourites, **Burnley** by four goals to one. Whitehurst and Massey got two goals each and Kevin Reeves scored for the visitors. The attendance was just short of ten thousand.

Sheffield United started well with a four goal victory. All four goals were scored by Keith Edwards, which puts them top of an unofficial league and their opponents, **Gillingham** bottom. Their crowd, however was a rather disappointing 10,405.

Bolton Wanderers suffered their lowest post-war crowd, after relegation last season. Just under four thousand saw Rudge and Chandler win the match in the second half, for the home side against newly promoted **Wimbledon**.

At Vale Park, home of **Port Vale**, Scunthorpe's goalkeeper Joe Neenan was in fine form to prevent the home-team from scoring. In the end it was a goalless draw, but both managers were pleased with their respective performances.

Lincoln were soundly beaten away at **Oxford** 3-0. Biggins, Whatmore and Lawrence scored Oxford's goals.

Two teams who pulled away from the bottom just before the end of the season, continued their form, starting well this time. **Preston** won at **Bournemouth** by a first half goal from Houston. **Walsall** won at **Exeter** with Hart getting the first half goal.

A spirited performance by **Rotherham** earned a point at **Southend**. The home side took a two goal lead through Phillips and Shepherd, but Rotherham hit back in the last 25 minutes. Moore, linked with Southend in the summer, scored the first and Kilmore scored five minutes from time to earn a point.

Other matches unmentioned. A 0-0 draw between **Plymouth** and **Wigan**. A 2-2 draw at **Brentford**, with **Millwall** twice equalising and a West Country derby match between **Bristol Rovers** and **Newport** at Somerton Park. Vaughan and Aldridge gave Newport the advantage, Stephens scoring for Rovers with a last minute effort.

NEWS FROM VALLEY PARADE

SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets are now on sale at the following prices: Adults, stand £70, children and OAPs £40; adults terrace £50, children and OAPs £30. Inquiries to secretary Terry Newman at Valley Parade.

DIRECTOR FOR A DAY

Anyone interested in taking advantage of the Club's Director for a Day Scheme is asked to get in touch with Terry Newman. For £50, you can travel on the team's new Executive coach, enjoy a pre-match meal with the players and have director facilities at the match and having drinks and refreshments on the return journey. The first supporter to take advantage of the scheme was Mr. Albert Toney, who accompanied the team to Orient last Saturday.

APPEAL FUND

There are two events arranged for the Save Bradford City Appeal Fund in September. Hammond's Sauce Works Junior Band have arranged a concert at East Bowling Unity Club in Leicester Street off Wakefield Road on Tuesday, September 13th at 8.15 p.m. Admission will be 25p and besides the concert there will be a raffle and bingo. Unfortunately this concert clashes with the Milk Cup, first round second leg at Sheffield United. The second event is a party night at Caesar's in Manningham Lane on Wednesday, September 28th. Tickets, price £1 are now on sale.

TRAVEL NEWS

City Supporters Travel Club are running coaches to the match at Newport on Saturday, September 10th leaving the Interchange at 9.00 a.m. price £5.50 for members and £6.50 for non-members. The Travel Club have booked a special train for the Milk Cup match at Sheffield on Tuesday, September 13th, leaving Bradford at 5.30 p.m. Cost is £2.25.

PROGRAMME FAIR

A programme fair in aid of Club funds is being held at the Executive Club tomorrow, Sunday, September 4th from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

SALTAIRE BRANCH

The Saltaire Supporters Branch are holding a jumble sale at the Ambulance Rooms in Caroline Street, Saltaire on Friday, September 9th at 6.30 p.m. Admission is 5p.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome Bolton Wanderers to Valley Parade for the first time for 11 years. Bolton, who were founder members of the League in 1888 have a proud history full of success and tradition, but they fell from grace at the end of last season by being relegated to the Third Division for only the second time in their history.

Their player manager John McGovern, who had a distinguished career, notably with Nottingham Forest and Derby County, with whom he won several major honours had a difficult first year in charge at Burnden Park, which culminated in relegation. We wish him better luck this season.

At least four players have left Bolton for pastures new during the summer, including left back Mike Bennett, who was on the point of joining us before Wolverhampton Wanderers stepped in to sign him. Mike Doyle has gone to Rochdale, Paul Jones to Huddersfield Town, and goalkeeper Jim McDonagh to Notts..County.

The last time Bolton were at Valley Parade was in May 1972 for a Third Division fixture. We were already doomed to relegation and Bolton had no difficulty in beating us 3-0. Today's match will have special memories for Bryan Edwards, our physiotherapist and second team coach, who spent the whole of his 18 year playing career at Bolton and won a FA Cup winners medal with them in 1958.

Pen pictures - season 1983/84

JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper) When Republic of Ireland 'keeper Jim McDonagh moved to Notts County, John McGovern turned to near neighbours Bury and signed up former Oldham Athletic No. 1 John Platt. Born in Ashton, John had seven seasons at Boundary Park before his move to Bury.

SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper) Coached enthusiastically by Charlie Wright, Simon has been waiting in the wings for his first team break for a couple of seasons.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender) Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland Cup squad.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender) A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

NEIL BERRY (Defender) International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career.

ERIC SNOOKES (Defender) A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons, Eric is a defender John McGovern had been keeping tabs on for some time. The Birmingham born blonde full back started his career with Preston and had spells at Crewe and Southport.

PETER VALENTINE (Defender) Peter exchanged places during the summer with former Wanderers' skipper Paul Jones who joined Huddersfield. Crossing the Pennines brought a fresh challenge for the promising young central defender.

BRIAN BORROWS (Defender/Midfield) A regular full back at Everton in the First Division brought Brian to the attention of a number of clubs last season, Wanderers stepping in just before the transfer deadline, signing the Liverpool youngster for a modest fee. Eight appearances last season in Bolton colours were all in midfield showing the versatility of this promising young player.

JOHN McGOVERN (Midfield) John was appointed Player/Manager in June '82. One of the games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League cup successes.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield) Son of Club coach Walter, the former Blackburn and Burnley defender, Warren got his chance in midfield last season. A county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist makes Warren an all round sportsman.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield) Three appearances all away from home, was Steve's taste of first team action last season. Operates wide in midfield but likes to home in on goal with his powerful shooting.

NEIL REDFEARN (Midfield) It was impossible to ignore Neil's talent last season and when John McGovern was looking for someone to slot into his own midfield position when he was injured, Neil got the job making his debut, still only 17, at Rotherham. Enthusiastic and packing a fierce shot, Neil made 10 first team appearances last season.

JEFF CHANDLER (Striker) A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his league career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

WAYNE FOSTER (Striker) A former local schoolboy, Foster came onto the Wanderers' scene in the 1981/82 season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level he got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

STEVE SAUNDERS (Striker) A cruel sequence of injuries robbed Steve of his chance of a first team place last season. But it won't be long before this livewire attacker makes his league bow.

SIMON RUDGE (Striker) Simon won the hearts of the Bolton fans with his terrier-like qualities last season. Three goals from 21 appearances in a side struggling for goals was enough to suggest that we'll see a lot more of this diminutive striker from Warrington.

TONY CALDWELL (Striker) Record breaking scoring feats in non-league football meant Tony was sure to attract attention sooner or later from one of the North West League clubs. Bolton moved in and signed the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.



BOLTON WANDERERS 1983/84

Front Row L to R: Charlie Wright (Coach), Jeff Chandler, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Player/Manager), Ray Deakin, Simon Rudge, Peter Nightingale (Physio.)

Middle Row: Warren Joyce, Neil Redfearn, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Eric Snookes, Wayne Foster

Back Row: Brian Borrows, Neil Berry, John Platt, Simon Farnworth, Gerry McElhinney, Peter Valentine

TEAMS

BRADFORD CITY

1. Eric McManus
2. Cyril Podd
3. Chris Withe
4. Stuart McCall
5. Peter Jackson
6. Trevor Cherry
7. Greg Abbott
8. Terry Gray
9. David Hill
10. Garry Haire
11. Terry Yorath
12. Garry Watson

BOLTON WANDERERS

1. Simon Farnworth
2. Brian Borrows
3. Ray Deakin
4. Warren Joyce
5. Gerry McElhinney
6. Peter Valentine
7. Steve Saunders
8. Jeff Chandler
9. Simon Rudge
10. Tony Caldwell
11. Neil Redfearn
12. Wayne Foster

Todays Referee:

MR. VICTOR CALLOW (Solihull)

Linesmen:

MR. J. ROSS (Red Flag)

MR. J. S. SINCLAIR (Yellow Flag)

NEXT AT VALLEY PAPADE

Wednesday, September 7th

Kick off 6.00 p.m.

BRADFORD CITY v HULL CITY

TREVOR CHERRY COLUMN

We have had a lot of problems this close season, but they are all over now and it was a pleasure to get down to the football at Orient last Saturday although we lost. It has been a very frustrating summer for me in the transfer market because I have not been able to recruit all the players I wanted to sign and I have seen the players I had in mind come and go.

The players have enjoyed their pre-season training and they have done very well in the circumstances considering everything that has been going on in the background at the club. All the players say a big thank you to everyone, who have contributed to save the Club, including Bradford Council. I think everyone has played his part in saving the Club and now we

have got to try and have a good season to reward all that effort.

Obviously, the finances at the Club are not good because of the debts the new directors have taken on and it is going to be a time of struggle in that respect, but once the season starts everyone is very optimistic and it is a pleasure for me just to think about the football side of the Club again.

On behalf of everyone, I would like to welcome our three new players — Chris Withe, Garry Haire and John Hawley and wish them every success at Bradford City.

About our sponsors

Mother Hubbards, Bradford's leading Fish Restaurant is well established as a **MUST** on the itinerary of the many visitors coming to Bradford from all over the country on the many mini week-ends sponsored by the Bradford Metropolitan Council Economic Development Unit. It is therefore no surprise that the company is once again sponsoring the first home league game of the season at Bradford City. Last year as part of their sponsorship of the first home league game they provided a unique Free Fall Parachute display at Valley Parade. This year they are providing for the entertainment of the spectators at to-days match a really first class band the **WARDLE YOUTH BAND** current winners of the national Festival of Music for Youth, National Junior Champions and Pontins Youth Champions.

Mother Hubbards provided a pre-sponsorship lunch at their Ingleby Road Restaurant on Thursday, September 1st when the Bradford City team had lunch with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford and the Directors of Mother Hubbards who wished them a good start to their league programme.

After the uncertainties of the past few weeks, with the future of Bradford City in the balance, Mother Hubbards wish Bradford City every success for the 1983/84 season when they hope that the future success of the Club will forge another link in the successful promotion of the CITY OF BRADFORD.

Along with the Bradford Metropolitan Council Mother Hubbards are helping to spread the fame of our City throughout the length and breadth of the Country.